

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus,
comprising:

a transmission unit arranged to transmit device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception unit arranged to receive, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by said transmission unit;

a first display unit arranged to display icons respectively corresponding to a device of the device information received as the search results by said reception unit;

a second display unit arranged to ~~display a map on which hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed~~ display a map on which location information corresponding to a first hierarchy and location information corresponding to a second hierarchy are defined;

an acquisition unit arranged to acquire the location information corresponding to the first hierarchy and the location information corresponding to the second hierarchy, which are defined on the map, when the icon is shifted onto the map; and

a registration unit arranged to ~~register, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon~~ respectively register, to the device, the location information corresponding to the first hierarchy and the location information corresponding to the second hierarchy which are acquired by said acquisition unit.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding to a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

a second display step of displaying a map on which ~~hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed~~ location information corresponding to a first hierarchy and location information corresponding to a second hierarchy are defined;

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an acquisition step of acquiring the location information corresponding to the first hierarchy and the location information corresponding to the second hierarchy, which are defined on the map, when the icon is shifted onto the map; and

a registration step of registering, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon respectively registering, to the device, the location information corresponding to the first hierarchy and the location information corresponding to the second hierarchy which are acquired by said acquisition step.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which are stored program codes for an information processing method, the method comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

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a second display step of displaying a map on which ~~hierarchical location information including respective location information of plural hierarchies is displayed~~
location information corresponding to a first hierarchy and location information corresponding to a second hierarchy are defined;

an acquisition step of acquiring the location information corresponding to the first hierarchy and the location information corresponding to the second hierarchy, which are defined on the map, when the icon is shifted onto the map; and

a registration step of ~~registering, according to the icon being shifted onto the map, the respective location information of the plural hierarchies of the hierarchical location information defined on the map to the device corresponding to said icon~~
respectively registering, to the device, the location information corresponding to the first hierarchy and the location information corresponding to the second hierarchy which are acquired by said acquisition step.

40. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the map is expressive of a layout of a predetermined hierarchy to indicate a setting location of the device.

41. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, further comprising a holding unit adapted to hold respective map data of the plural first and second hierarchies.

42. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said first display unit discriminably displays whether or not the location information has been registered for each device.

43. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein

said first display unit displays the icon of the device, from among the devices, for which the location information has been registered, at a predetermined location on the map, and

said first display unit displays the icon of the device, from among the devices, for which the location information is not registered, at a predetermined location other than on the map.

44. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, wherein the predetermined location on the map where the icon of the device is displayed is determined based on the location information of said device.

45. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, further comprising a change unit adapted to change, according to the icon displayed at the predetermined location on the map being shifted, the location information of the device corresponding to said icon based on the shifted location on the map.

46. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the device is any one of a printer, a scanner, a copying machine and a facsimile machine.